

Monday evening, May 22, at 7:30 in the Chamber of Commerce office, next to the Library, a meeting will be held to make plans and appoint committees to put a Torrance Playground into operation. A lively interest is being taken in this movement, and all teachers, parents and business men, together with all others who are interested in children's welfare work, are urged to be on hand promptly. Some one who has four or more lots centrally located who expects to hold them as an investment can render a lasting service to Torrance children by giving a free lease for a number of years for this worthy purpose. Co-operative team work in the erection of necessary equipment will reduce the cost to a minimum. If you were ever a kid be on the job Monday night.

BOYS ONCE MORE

Business men, factory heads and citizens generally are showing keen interest in a real playground for Torrance children. Enthusiastic co-operation is all that it takes to make this boon to childhood a reality. If you want to start something with the average citizen, just ask if he can remember when he was a boy. The insinuation that he is of ancient vintage brings a storm of protest. But it is not necessary to step on anyone's toes to get a playground. Just say: "Come on, Bill, we are going to show the kiddies the time of their young lives."

We don't need a swimmin' hole. We have a pretty good one just a few miles away, but we do want a place set apart for the kids, centrally located, equipped with slides, rings, swings, bars, ball diamond n' everything. There will be a meeting called, possibly next week, and something definite outlined. Now, kids, it's up to you to insist that Dad rolls up his sleeves and gets into the middle of this meeting. It won't take much coaxing, for between you and I he is just waiting for a chance to help start something.

MEMORIES

Childhood memories are the dearest treasures to which we grown-ups can lay claim. Did you ever note the wonderful light that kindles in the eyes of an old man as he recalls some boyish prank that happened long years ago. There is a longing in the heart of each of us just to be a child again. What better men and women we would be if we could only roll the years back to childhood days. Did you ever stop to think that there would not be a criminal in the land if this magic thing could be done.

Why, it was only yesterday that my brother and I were kids down on the farm, stealing away to the shaded stream for a swim, or perchance to snatch our wits with the finny denizens of the deeper pools. Did you ever hear the challenge at school: What will you do when the blackman comes? And your answer had to be: Why run right through like we always do. If you were fleet of brain and foot you might get through with a whole skin and untorn clothes, but the chances are you didn't. And now think again, how you slipped into the house and changed that torn shirt and then hustled in the wood and rushed out to gather the eggs and perhaps milk the cow. Sure you do. You had to keep mother's mind off of that torn shirt, and you knew by experience that it was much better to rush through the chores than to be forced to stand up to your meals for the next few days.

The wisest doctors have never been able to convince the average small boy that the germs will get him if he don't wash out, cause he knows that soap and water was only intended for girls to use, and a feller can't be absolutely happy without grimy hands and face. There isn't any use to wash up nice and clean, for you just get dirty again, and he can prove it any time you want a demonstration.

These children of ours will be the men and women of tomorrow, and the hours of lay are the bright spots in their journey toward manhood and womanhood, and the least we can do is to see that their health and morals are kept up to a high standard by proper indulgence in many hours of clean, healthful recreation.

WHAT SORT OF A MAN IS HE?

When a shrewd business man is making an investment in any enterprise, the first question he asks is: "What sort of a man is back of the enterprise or the institution?" Everything depends on the sort of a man who is at the head of anything. The quality of the head will trickle clear down through from the top of an organization to the very bottom.



Torrance Boosters' Banquet

Street Paving Bonds Sold and Contract For Work To Be Let Fourth District C. of C. Meeting Promotes Good Feeling

The Tuesday night session was an epoch-making event for the City of Torrance. The array of legal, professional and business men produced a fit setting for the rapid flow of oratory that kept all parties on a keen edge for some four hours.

Some very fine business men from Los Angeles acknowledged that our council had their work well in hand and transacted it in an efficient and praiseworthy manner. The magnet that drew the full house was the opening of bids for the street improvement in our town. Some half-dozen firms participated in the spirited bidding. As to who will be awarded the contract for this work will not be known until the special meeting, called for next Thursday evening. The bids were entered in square feet and yards, and will keep the city engineer's office busy for a couple of days reducing the separate bids down to the dollars and cents.

The spirit of the entire proceedings seemed to be to use all possible speed to hasten the paving of our streets. The big news of the evening was the announcement that the Citizens National Bank of Los Angeles has offered a premium of \$500 for our \$54,000 worth of street bonds, the offer being accompanied by a substantial certified check. This is considered a good offer and makes it possible to get results without delay. It also shows that big business houses consider Torrance to be a coming city, and that they are ready and willing to help us make it big. Ours is to vision the ultimate city of future years and show the way.

A lengthy discussion of much vital interest was participated in by the council and representatives of the Land Company concerning the acquiring of title for the sewer farm. A suit is being prosecuted by the Land Company to annul the claims made by a Los Angeles chemical company, and it is thought probable that our city attorney will be of material aid to the company in this suit. The claim of Torrance to the use of this land, together with proper proof that it has been used by the city for the past eight years for sewer purposes, will furnish food for serious thought by any court. The attitude of the Land Company is that the price of \$900 an acre still holds good to the city so far as they are concerned, even though it would bring \$1600 an acre now if it could be delivered to certain oil interests.

The general opinion seems to be that both parties are vitally interested in the maintaining of this land for sewer purposes, as the cost of securing another location would be excessive. Besides, suitable locations are conspicuous by their absence. Judge Post made a lengthy and stirring appeal for the council and citizens of Torrance to leave no stone unturned that would aid in maintaining title to this land. The judge proved to be an orator of no mean ability, thoroughly earnest and keenly alive to the importance of the matter. He plunged into the middle of it with no apologies to anyone, and those present quickly realized that city history was in the making. The importance of an adequate water supply and an efficient sewer disposal system was gone into in detail as the most important ground work for use in modern city building. Mr. Post turned back the pages of Torrance history to the very beginning, and paid glowing tribute to the founder of our city, remarking that the vision of this great man was of a city that would be the last word in beauty and economic efficiency, making it possible for his people to enjoy every convenience in their home life that a modern city could offer.

Mr. Osborn and the attorney for the Land Company gave every assurance of their earnest aid to the council in the upbuilding of the city.

The Torrance Industrial Film was well received and applauded. It is a well recognized fact that this vehicle will put Torrance industries before the people in a manner that will be the more convincing, because seeing is believing, and a more lasting impression will be gained than could be hoped for from printed matter.

The musical numbers of the evening were a source of pride to the home folks, for not every community can offer the splendid array of accomplished entertainers that put life and music into every idle moment of the evening. Ex-Mayor Dillingham of Seattle was the speaker of the evening and won the respect and confidence of everyone present by prefacing his remarks with the statement that while he liked the north country, he had lived in Southern California long enough to realize that its the one and only place to reside. Mr. Dillingham is a business man of wide experience and freely admits that in place has been made to feel the great possibilities for

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TORRANCE SCHOOL NOTES

On Monday evening the Faculty met the High School girls in a jolly game of ball. The teachers had kept its lineup a dead secret, so that most of the students were on hand early to dope out all positions for the Faculty. All dope failed when the teachers marshalled their forces with Mrs. Russell as catcher; Mr. Terry, pitcher; Miss Mills, first base; Mrs. Yoeman, second base; Miss Lay, third base; Mrs. Latter, short stop; Miss Parks, left field; Mr. Mowry, center field, and Miss Rqush, right field. Several times the fielding might truthfully have been called a "Comedy of Errors," but the teachers managed to hold the score down to 12 to 4. Mrs. Russell scored highest on their side by landing two of the runs. The High School girls played their usual good-spirited game. Their team was composed of: Iris Barkdull, catcher; Jesamine Coker, pitcher; Ruth McKenzie, first base; Helen Neill, second base; Mary Alice Davis, third base; Virginia Watson, short stop; Margaret Hannon, left field; Loretta Condeley, center field, and Clara Totten, right field.

The sewing, cooking and sloyd classes are busy with plans for the School Festival on June 2. All the elementary children will march in the parade in various costumes, and the High School pupils will provide entertainment for people who patronize the festival and exhibit.

TRIO REBEKAH LODGE NOTES

Watch for the date and place of the minstrel show now in rehearsal. The show is to be given for the benefit of the Rebakahs and a second performance will be given for the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. The cast will include Edward Treffry, Torrance, interlocutor, and premier end men and ladies; Mr. Alexander of Redondo, Mrs. R. C. Kite of Torrance, and Mesdames Baron Beckman, Gordon Groves, and Mrs. Ernest Brumpton and Mr. Alex McPhail of Lomita. You don't want to miss this—it will be good.

BOXING AND WRESTLING

Tonight at Legion Hall, a large crowd is scheduled to witness contestants from the Union Tool and Pacific Electric Shops. There will be boxing, wrestling and much applause. The rivalry is keen between these two shops and if you want some real entertainment you should be on hand tonight, Friday, May 19. You are assured of ten dollars worth of fun for 50c. The P. E. Band will play.

CHICKEN FRICASSEE DINNER 50c

Everybody come to the chicken fricassee dinner given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the First M. E. church Monday evening, beginning at 6:00 o'clock, at the Dominguez Co.'s Sales Office. The price is 50c a plate. Monday, May 22.

TORRANCE IN FILMS

The industrial film that was produced of the different industries of this city, under the supervision of the Chamber of Commerce, will be shown at the Torrance Theatre on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, in addition to the regular run of pictures. Everyone should see their own home town picture and learn what is being done in the industrial city.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Clair Barnett gave a very enjoyable party to a number of her friends Wednesday evening. The evening was passed in games, in which Miss Myers won the first prize and Mrs. Frank Steinhilber the consolation. The guests were conducted to the dining room, where a prettily decorated table greeted their eyes. A basket in the form of a large pink rose, with a bow of pink tulle tied to the handle and filled with Cecil Bruner roses, white sweet peas and gypsophylla, graced the center of the table, while at each end were pink candles. Above the basket and radiating from the chandeliers were narrow pink ribbons extending to the miniature keyhole dolls that stood at each place bearing the announcement: Claire Barnett, Don Baxter, June 10, 1922.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXCURSION

"In all the world no trip like this." We're going to Catalina Island on Saturday morning, May 27, leaving the dock at Wilmington on the boat at 10:00 a. m. Returning, will leave Avalon at 4:00 p. m. Sunday, May 28, arriving in Wilmington at 6:25 p. m. A rate of \$7.75 per capita has been secured for the trip, which includes transportation from Wilmington to Avalon and return, room overnight at the Atwater Hotel, four meals and trip on the glass-bottom boat over the submarine gardens. Those desiring to go on this wonderful trip notify Secretary Pottinger.

TORRANCE FIESTA

August 15 to 19 inclusive Five Big Days Queen Contest Now is the time to begin to think about who you want for Queen of the Fiesta. Who do you want for your queen next August? You are advised by those in charge to select the young lady you would like to see the next Queen and then get busy.—Nuf Sed!

The committee is laying plans for a bigger and better Fiesta than we have ever had yet, and are also extending the time to five days instead of three as was the case last year. And also have set the date so as not to conflict with any other fair or carnival as has been the case heretofore.

TORRANCE WOMEN'S CLUB

Torrance Women's Club will meet at Legion Hall on Monday, May 22, at 2:30 o'clock. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place at this time. All nomination ballots must be in the hands of the election board by noon of that day in order to be counted.

South Side Business Men Issue Challenge to Northsiders

Anxious to repeat the victory of last year, the business men of the south side of the town and their employees take this opportunity to challenge the northenders to a game of baseball at a time to be decided later. Both sides of the city have taken in new industries since last year's battle and a much better contest could be staged. Charley Vanderhae and "Dick" Malone, associate managers of the proposed south end team, boast of a fast lineup and are itching to show their wares. These two boys

take a live interest in the game themselves, making it doubly sure that victory can come to them only.

The dividing line shall be the same as it was last year, or, to be exact, south of and including the Day and Night Garage and Ben Rappaports.

North end boosters can arrange for the yearly battle by calling on "Charley" at the Union Club or "Dick" at the Torrance Pharmacy, both in the Steffin Block.

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